

CLAIM LISTING AND STATUS

1. (Amended) A method of playing a game, the method comprising the steps of:

~~defining~~ generating, in direct response to a to an action of a player playing of a game, boundaries of an a first area overlapping only a portion of a resource area, the overlapping portion defining a resource collection area, the boundaries not being drawn in advance of the playing of the game; and

enabling an acquisition of resources from the resource collection area, ~~an amount of~~ ~~resources that may be acquired being responsive to the boundaries of the area.~~

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~boundaries of the area define~~ first area is a volume.

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of ~~defining boundaries~~ of generating a second area overlapping a ~~portion of a first defined area~~ at least a portion of the resource collection area.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of ~~defining boundaries~~ of generating a second area overlapping a ~~portion of a first defined area~~ at least a portion of the resource collection area; and wherein the first area and the second area differ with respect to a degree of influence over ~~an amount of resources that may be acquired~~ the resources that are available from the overlapping portion of the resource collection area.

5. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~amount of~~ resources that ~~may be~~ ~~acquired~~ are available is further responsive to a means for the acquisition of resources.

6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~amount of~~ resources that ~~may be~~ ~~acquired~~ are available is further responsive to a distance to a means for the acquisition of resources.

7. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~amount of~~ resources that ~~may be~~ ~~acquired~~ are available is further responsive to a distance to, and a magnitude of, a means for the acquisition of resources.

8. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of ~~defining boundaries~~ of ~~generating~~ a second area overlapping a ~~portion of a first defined area~~ at least a portion of the resource collection area; and ~~wherein the overlapped portion has~~ the overlapping portion having an effect on a rate at which resources ~~may be~~ are acquired from the ~~overlapped~~ overlapping portion of the resource collection area.

9. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of ~~defining boundaries~~ of ~~generating~~ a second area overlapping a ~~portion of a first defined area~~ at least a portion of the resource collection area; and ~~wherein the overlapped portion has~~ and having an effect on a total quantity of resources that ~~may be~~ are acquired from the ~~overlapped~~ overlapping portion of the resource collection area.

10. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the first area covers at least a portion of one of a plurality of resource ~~zones~~ areas having different densities of resources.

11. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the first area covers at least a portion of one of a plurality of resource ~~zones~~ areas having qualitatively different resources.

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12. (Amended) A method of playing a game, the method comprising the steps of:
~~defining generating a first area, in direct response to a~~ to an action of a player playing of a
~~game, boundaries of a first area, the boundaries not being drawn in advance of the playing of the~~
~~game, the~~ a first area comprising resources which may be acquired that are available;
~~defining boundaries of~~ generating a second area overlapping at least a first portion of the
first area;
impacting an acquisition of resources from the first portion of the first area being
overlapped by the second area; and
enabling an acquisition of resources from a second portion of the first area not being
overlapped by the second area.

13. (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the impacting of an acquisition of resources reduces a rate that resources ~~may be~~ are acquired from the first portion of the first area being overlapped by the second area.

14. (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the impacting of an acquisition of resources prevents the acquisition of resources from the first portion of the first area being overlapped by the second area.

15. (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the impacting of an acquisition of resources is responsive to a comparison of a means utilized to ~~define~~ generate the first area to a means utilized to ~~define~~ generate the second area.

16. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the impacting of an acquisition of resources is responsive to a comparison of a capability to acquire resources from the first area to a capability to acquire resources from the second area.

17. (Amended) A method of playing a game, the method comprising the steps of:
~~defining~~ generating, in direct response to a to an action of a player playing of a game, boundaries of a first area, the boundaries not being drawn in advance of the playing of the game, the first area covering a first area overlapping at least a portion of one of a plurality of resource zones areas, from which resources may be acquired, the covered the overlapping portion defining a ~~potential~~ resource collection area;

~~defining~~ generating a second area overlapping at least a first portion of the ~~potential~~ resource collection area;

impacting an acquisition of resources from the first portion of the ~~potential~~ resource collection area being overlapped by the second area; and

enabling an acquisition of resources from a second portion of the ~~potential~~ resource collection area not being overlapped by the second area.

18. (Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the impacting of an acquisition of resources reduces a rate that resources ~~may be~~ are acquired from the first portion of the ~~potential~~ resource collection area being overlapped by the second area.

19. (Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the impacting of an acquisition of resources prevents the acquisition of resources from the first portion of the ~~potential~~ resource collection area being overlapped by the second area.

20. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the impacting of an acquisition of resources is responsive to a comparison of a capability to acquire resources from the first area to a capability to acquire resources from the second area.
